

# Historical Details about the Mann Family and Mose Mann Bridge, gathered by Joan Alt Belknap from census, maps, web, and news clippings

My curiosity about the family whose name was part of our history for many years led me to do some research about them, and about the bridge that once bore their name. I have only reported the information I uncovered. I have not attempted to interpret it, though it would be interesting to know all the details and story I was not able to uncover.

## Moses Mann I-father of Moses Mann II

Image from Ancestry.com family tree Shane Jennings

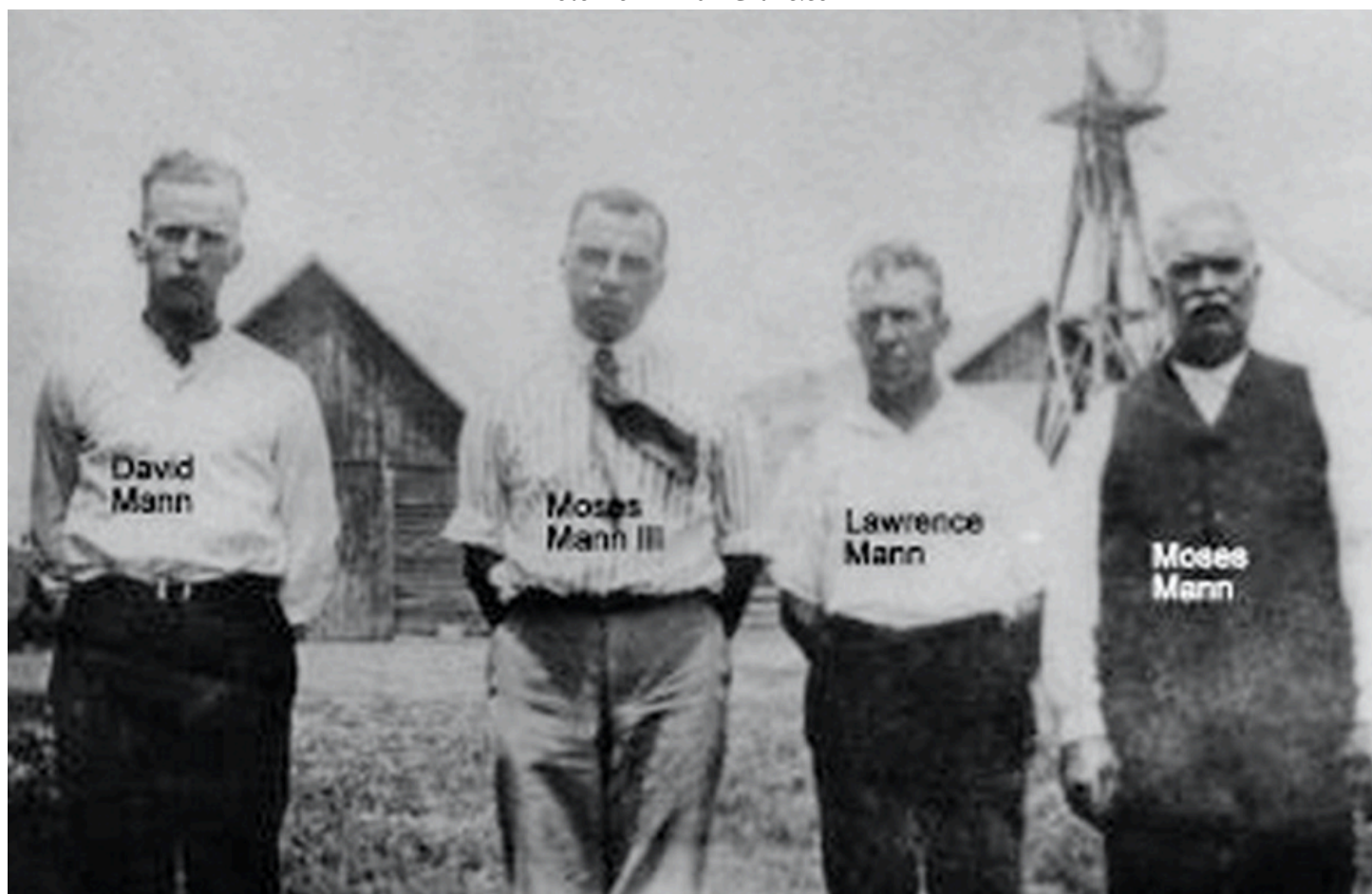


### Moses Mann

**BIRTH** 1818 • Pennsylvania, USA

**DEATH** 1888 • Saint Joseph, Buchanan, Missouri, USA

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1860 Federal Census for Marshall Township, Plymouth Indiana for Moses Mann I family

Note that he was a cooper by trade and Moses II was 5 years old

Surname	Given Name	Age	Birth Year	Gender	Race	Occupation	Real Estate Value	Personal Estate Value	Birth Place
Mann	Moses	42	1818	Male	White	Cooper	2000	300	Pennsylvania
Mann	Marilla J	38	1822	Female	White	Housekeeper			Ohio
Mann	Amanda	17	1843	Female	White				Ohio
Mann	Rebecca E			Female	White				Ohio
Mann	David S	12	1848	Male	White				Ohio
Mann	John P	7	1853	Male	White				Indiana
Mann	Moses F	5	1855	Male	White				Indiana
Mann	Genera J			Female	White				Indiana
Mann	Mary A	4/12	1859	Female	White				Indiana

1870 Federal Census – Madison Township (shows census taker wrote Morris instead of Moses) Also note this is still Moses I residence

94	107	Mann Morris	52	m	w	Farmer			Penn	✓
		" Morilla	48	f	w	Housekeeper			Ohio	✓
		" John	19	m	w				Ind	✓
		" Morris	15	m	w				Ind	✓
		" Genera	13	f	w				Ind	✓
		" Mary	11	f	w				Ind	✓
		" Lucie	8	m	w				Ind	✓
		" Lillie	5	f	w				Ind	✓
		Mary, Sylvester	21	m	w	Farmlaborer			Ind	✓

1880 Federal Census – St. Joseph, Missouri (showing Moses I and wife had moved to Missouri)

Surname	Given Name	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Month	Birth Year	Relation to Head of House	Marital Status	Married During Census Year	Occupation
Mann	Moses	White	Male	63		Abt 1817	Self (Head)	Married		Cooper
Mann	Jane	White	Female	56		Abt 1824	Wife	Married		Keeps house

1885 U.S. State Census for Penn, Johnson County Iowa (shows widowed mother living with them)

Iowa, U.S., State Census Collection, 1836-1925 for Moses Mann									
1885 > Johnson > Penn									
Mann	Moses	71	6	30	21-5-	30	m	Farmer	
"	Frances	"	"	"	"	27	f	Keeping House	
"	Marilla J	"	"	"	"	64	f	Retired	

1889 Ledger of Dr. David Stewart, notation

Mann, Moses – 1889, bill not paid until 1892

The Gazette April 14, 1897 reported the Moses Mann Family from North Liberty moved to Mr. Crowell's farm in Shueyville.

**The Iowa Citizen on January 21, 1898** "On Wednesday last, the house of Mr. Moses Mann took fire about the chimney. The flames were first discovered by one of the high school boys and principal Brock, with some of the boys, rushed down and rendered prompt assistance in extinguishing the flames. Mr. Mann was away from home; and Mrs. Mann and the little ones were in the house, all unconscious of their danger. No great damage was done either to the house or the furniture fortunately for there was no insurance. Principal Brock and Arthur Yessler deserve special mention for the presence of mind displayed and the prompt assistance given."

**Iowa City Weekly Republican, April 20, 1898** said "Moses Mann of this place has purchased a new feed grinder and is now ready for customers."

**The Iowa State Press March 29, 1899** reported that "Moses Mann has just completed a boat upon which he has been working for some time. As soon as the wild ducks and geese appear, that self same boat may be seen floating on the Iowa River"

#### 1900 Federal Census for Jefferson Township, Johnson County, Iowa

Mann	Moses F	Head	White	Male	Feb	1856	46	Married
Mann	Francis	Wife	White	Female		1856	44	Married
Gardner	Fred F	Stepson (Step Son)	White	Male	Jan	1880	20	Single
Zaradnek	John	Stepson (Step Son)	White	Male	Apr	1882	18	Single
Mann	Florence	Daughter	White	Female	Jan	1886	14	Single
Mann	Lawrence	Son	White	Male	Nov	1887	12	Single
Mann	Marilla J	Daughter	White	Female	Aug	1889	10	Single
Mann	Moses F	Son	White	Male	Apr	1891	9	Single
Mann	Maggie L	Daughter	White	Female	Sep	1892	7	Single
Mann	Nellie E	Daughter	White	Female	Jan	1895	5	Single
Mann	Ida S	Daughter	White	Female	Jul	1897	2	Single
Mann	David W	Son	White	Male	Oct	1899	7/12	Single

#### Johnson County Teacher, published in Iowa City, Iowa on Tuesday, March 1st, 1904

"The Shueyville high school began its spring term March 7th. Moses Mann was elected director of this district. The election was quite interesting, as several men wanted the position. The majority decided that Moses Mann was the best man for the place."

**Iowa Citizen June 26, 1907** "Moses Mann gave a dance to the young people last Saturday evening, all had a fine time" and "Florence Mann closed her school for the Spring term, giving the children picnic last day Friday".

#### Iowa City Republican February 20, 1909

"Thursday evening at 6 o'clock Rev. J. H. Barr of Solon pronounced the words which made the lives of Clayton Connelley and Miss Florence Mann one, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Mann, near North Liberty. Miss Mann is one of the county's most successful school teachers, while Mr. Connelley is a well known young man who has lived near Solon his entire life. Their friends wish them well."



## 1910 Federal Census for Penn Township, Johnson County, Iowa

6	6	Ella	Daughter	7	W	5	S			Iowa	Ans. Bohemia
		Mann Moses F	Head	31	W	53	M	25		Indiana	Pennsylvania
		Francis	Wife	7	W	52	M	25	15	Iowa	Ans. Bohemia
		Moses F Jr	Son	21	W	19	S			Iowa	Indiana English
		Margaret	Daughter	7	W	17	S			Iowa	Indiana English
		Nellie	Daughter	7	W	14	S			Iowa	Indiana English
		Ida	Daughter	7	W	12	S			Iowa	Indiana English
		David	Son	21	W	10	S			Iowa	Indiana English
		Grace	Daughter	7	W	6	S			Iowa	Indiana English

**Iowa City Daily Republican February 8, 1916 (sale of son, Mose Mann III)** "Big Sale Will be Held on Farm Five Miles North of North Liberty February 14<sup>th</sup>. Moses Mann Jr., has decided to quit farming. This is the announcement that he made some time ago when he sent out sale bills for a public auction on his farm five miles north of North Liberty on Feb. 14. The farm is well known, located just south of the Moses Mann bridge. The sale will commence at 12.00 o'clock promptly and it is expected that it will continue throughout the afternoon. There will be a lunch served at noon. S. E. Lehnen, is the clerk who will take care of the sale and W. J. Fay will sell the following property: 110 head of stock, consisting of 7 head of horses and mules. One grey mare five years old, 1500 lbs., one work mare, one black driving mare. 5 years old, 900 lbs., one team of mules, 3 and 4 years old, well broke. Seven head of cattle, consisting of four milch cows, heavy springers, three springers, calves, heifers. Ninety-six head of hogs, consisting of five brood sows, 48 spring shoats; 43 fall shoats. The farm machinery and grain that is to be sold is listed as follows. One new truck wagon, one wagon box bob sled, one new carriage, corn planter, harrow, walking plow, disc harrow riding cultivator two sets of work harness, self sinking tank heater, 200 bushels of corn, 100 bushels of oats, one sorghum outfit complete, and three dozen chickens. The terms of the sale are stated follows Sums of \$10 and under, cash, over that amount a credit of 12 months. time on bankable notes with approved security, bearing 7 percent interest from date of sale. "

**CLOSING OUT SALE**

Having decided to quit farming, will sell at Public Auction, on the farm 5 miles north of North Liberty and just south of Moses Mann bridge, on

**Monday, Feb. 14, '16**

Lunch at 11:30' Sale at 12 O'clock

**110 HEAD OF STOCK**—7 head of horses and mules; 1 bay mare, 5 years old, 1500 lbs.; 1 gray mare, 4 years old, 1400 lbs.; 1 bay driving mare, 5 years old, 1100 lbs.; 1 work mare; 1 black driving mare, 5 years old, 900 lbs.; 1 team of mules, 3 and 4 years old, well broke.

**7 HEAD OF CATTLE**—4 milch cows, heavy springers; 3 spring calves, heifers.

**96 HEAD OF HOGS**—5 good brood sows; 48 spring shoats; 43 fall shoats.

**Farm Machinery, Grain, Etc.**—One new truck wagon, one wagon box, bob sled, one new carriage, corn planter, harrow, a walking plow, disc harrow, riding cultivator, two sets of work harness, self sinking tank heater, two hundred bushels of corn, one hundred bushels of oats, one sorghum outfit complete, 3 dozen chickens.

**TERMS**—Sums of \$10 and under, cash; over that a credit of 12 months' time on bankable notes with approved security, bearing 7 percent interest from date of sale.

MOSES MANN Jr. Owner  
S. E. Lehnen, Clerk.

IC Daily Republican Feb 8, 1916  
W. J. Fay, Auctioneer.

## Iowa City Daily Press July 12th, 1919

"Friends and relative of Miss Grace Mann, who resides in North Liberty, will grieve to hear of her sad and untimely death which occurred at the local hospital, Tuesday night, near midnight, following an operation in an effort to save her life. Grace was a charming girl of unusual beauty, Thus at the age of sixteen her death comes as a severe blow to all who knew her as only a few were aware that she was ill, since July 4. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Mann, Sr, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Josie Myers, of North Liberty; Mrs. Margaret Duttlinger, of Paige North Dakota; Mrs. George Hudachek, Mrs. Joseph Zahner, Larence Mann, Mrs. George Zarhandek, all of South Liberty; Moses Mann of Minnesota; Ida and Florence of North Liberty; Two half brothers also survive: Dr. Fred Gardener of Chicago and John Gardener. Funeral services will be held at North Liberty pending the arrival of relatives from distant states. Friends truly grieve and the sympathy of all who knew this lovable girl goes out to the bereaved family."

## 1920 Federal Census for Penn Township, Johnson County, Iowa

Surname	Given Name	Relationship	Home Owned or Rented	Home Free or Mortgaged	Sex	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status
Mann	M F	Head	Owned		Male	White	63	1857	Married
Mann	Francis	Wife		Free	Female	White	62	1858	Married
Mann	Ida	Daughter			Female	White	22	1898	Single
Mann	David	Son			Male	White	20	1900	Married

## **Obituary details for Moses Fremont Mann II from four sources as follows: (each gives some unique fact, so all are included)**

**Iowa City Press Citizen September 11, 1928** "Moses F. Mann, aged 73, passed away last night, at Homer, Mich. Interment .will be made here. He was a North Liberty pioneer. His daughter, Mrs. George Zahradnek, is a resident of North Liberty, long the decedent's home town."

**The Homer Index September 13, 1928** "Moses Mann, who lives with his son, Lawrence Mann, the latter's farm in Cook's Prairie, died suddenly Monday night of acute indigestion. He was 72 years of age and is survived by a widow and eight children. The body was taken to North Liberty Iowa, by Mrs. George Hudechek South Albion and Laurence Mann. Burial will be in North Liberty, Iowa Friday."

**The Gazette, September 13, 1928** "Moses Mann, 73, a former North Liberty resident, died Monday at Homer, Mich., where he had lived for several years. The body will be brought here for burial. The funeral service will be held Friday at 2:30 at the North Liberty Methodist church."

**Battle Creek Enquirer September 11, 1928.** "HOMER RESIDENT DIES (Special to the Enquirer-News) Moses Frederick Mann, 72, died suddenly last night at 12:30 of acute indigestion. He is survived by his widow, Frances, and several children including grandchildren. He was a farmer and lived two miles west of the village. Mr. Mann was born in North Liberty, Iowa, where the body will be taken Wednesday for funeral and burial."

## **Obituary for Frances Mann**

**Iowa City Press Citizen Thur. July 19, 1945** "Death Takes Mrs. Mann, 88 Former North Liberty Resident Succumbs in Michigan Home. Mrs. Frances Mann, 88, a former long-time North Liberty resident. Died at her home in Marshall, Mich., Wednesday at 8 a.m. following a short illness. She was born in a log cabin in Jelerson township, Johnson county, March 6, 1857, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kroul, county pioneers. She married John Zahradnek a Civil War veteran in 1874. He died in 1882. In 1885 she married Mose (Moses) F. Mann and they lived in North Liberty many years, moving to Michigan in 1920. He died in 1928. Mrs. Mann was the mother of 14 children, 12 of whom survive: Mrs. Josie Myers of Mull, Ark., George Zahradnek of North Liberty, F.F. Gardner of Los Angeles, J.J. Gardner of North Liberty (these two sons had their name changed to Gardner from Zahradnek), Mrs. R.C. Connelly of Marshall, Lawrence Mann of Homer, Mich., Marilla J. Zahner of Burlington, Maggie Duttlinger of Albion, Mich., M.F. Mann of Marshall, David Mann of Dennison, and Mrs. George Hudechek (Hudachek) and Mrs. Al Sobers (Sovers), both of Albion; 31 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren." (She is buried in Ridgewood Cemetery)



**Moses Fremont Mann**  
1856–1928 (m. 1885)

## Family Members

### Parents



**Moses Mann**  
1820–1885



**Marilla Jane *Smith* Mann**  
1823–1903

### Spouse



**Frances *Kroul* Mann**  
1857–1945 (m. 1885)

### Siblings



**Amanda Marella *Mann* King**  
1842–1922



**Rebecca Elizabeth *Mann* Evans**  
1846–1916



**David Stolz Mann**  
1847–1892



**John Paris Mann**  
1856–1920



**Geneva Jane *Mann* Maxey**  
1857–1930



**Lillian(Lillie) Ann *Mann* Beltz**  
1865–1935

### Children



**Margarette *Mann* Zahradnek**  
1879–1968



**Florence *Mann* Connelly**  
1886–1977



**Lawrence Mann**  
1887–1959



**Marilla J "Rilla" *Mann* Zahner**  
1889–1947



**Moses Francis Mann**  
1891–1953



**Margaret M. *Mann* Duttlinger**  
1892–1990



**Nellie *Mann* Hudachek**  
1895–1981



**Ida Estella *Mann* Sovers**  
1897–1985



**David William Mann**  
1899–1985



**Marion Grace Mann**  
1903–1919

### Step Children



**Mary Zahradnek**  
1875–1889



**Josephine "Josie" *Zahradnek* Meyer**  
1876–1956



**George Zahradnek**  
1878–1960



**John Joseph *Zahradnek* Gardner**  
1882–1946

Family tree  
information from  
FindAGrave.com

# Information about the Mose Mann Bridge

**Iowa Citizen September 7, 1904**

**"Delegation From Northern Part of County Ask Supervisors to Act on Moses Mann Crossing Bridge.**

For some time the residents of the northern part of the county living in Jefferson, Big Grove and Penn townships have been trying to get the county to build a bridge over the Iowa River at that point where the three townships meet, known as Moses Mann's Crossing. There is a road there and a ford, but though the bridge has been badly needed for years, the farmers have been compelled to go a



long distance out of their road in order to get to Iowa City, or to ford the river. At the last meeting of the board, the building of this bridge came up before it, and it was decided: that the bridge should be built as soon as possible, but It was thought that the matter would be allowed to go over until next year, when the available money would be increased. However the farmers around that part of the country are more impatient and came down in numbers, about thirty of them, to interview the board personally and to bring the pressing need of the bridge this year to the boards'attention; the delegation being headed by Messrs. Stewart and Murphy. In accord with the petition of the delegation, the board passed a resolution which provides that the bridge will be built as soon as possible and that the foundations for the same will be installed during the year of 1904, thus showing their intention to begin active work in the near future."

### Iowa City Daily Press May 5, 1905

"M. E. Lininger took the board of supervisors and the bridge man out to the Moses Mann crossing bridge, which has just been completed."

### 1950's Photo of Mose Mann Bridge

Built in 1904, the Mose Mann Bridge, was removed in 1959 by the U.S. Corps of Engineers as part of the Coralville reservoir project. Because it was in the vicinity of the bend in the river where Moses Fremont Mann and his family settled, the bridge was referred to by his name. The bridge was a "through- truss bridge" similar to the original Mehaffey Bridge. Through-truss means the roadbed had trusses above and below it.



Today the road leading to the bridge is barricaded off and at that point the road curves and ends up at Bobber's Campground and Clubhouse. The Mehaffey Bridge was rebuilt after the dam was completed, but the Mose Mann Bridge was in a less traveled area. In addition, the Curtis Bridge was not too far away and was much busier.

There is a nice article in the Gazette April 17, 2016 about both Mose Mann and Mehaffey bridges. Also an online version <https://www.thegazette.com/news/time-machine-a-tale-of-north-libertys-two-bridges/>

From the 1900 map of Penn Township showing the location of the Mann property, here listed in Mrs. Mann's name.

